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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE MOROCCAN MINISTER FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION, MARCH 23-29, 1983

The Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State (External Relations), announced the visit to Canada of His Excellency Azzeddine Laraki, Minister for National Education of Morocco, from March 23 to 29, 1983.

The Secretary of State, the Honourable Serge Joyal, will be the official host of the Minister and his delegation for their stay in Canada during which they will visit Ottawa, Toronto, Quebec and Montreal.

The Moroccan Minister's visit reflects the increasing cooperation between Canada and Morocco in the field of education. Several hundreds of Moroccan students are presently studying in Canadian universities, particularly in Quebec, and Morocco would like to recruit a Canadian teachers. Mr. Laraki's visit will enable him to discuss the question of interuniversity cooperation and to explore the possibility of more intense cooperation links with Ontario.